

**Town-Owned Property Management Board
Georgetown, Maine
Minutes of Meeting–April 13, 2010**

The Town-Owned Property Management Board (“TOPMB” or the “Board”) met at the Town Office at 4:00 pm. Present were Board members: Myrick Freeman, Chairman; Bruce Blessington; and Bronwen Tudor; Charlie Collins, Selectman; and Sally Davis of “Sally K. Davis Title Abstracting and Deed Research.”

I. Town Woodlot Report from Sally Davis

- Ms. Davis noted that she is not an attorney and has no authority to certify titles but was trained as a surveyor and has specialized in the deed research. She was originally hired by Stinson Law Office to research the status of the Town Woodlot based on records on file at the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds and submitted a report in February 2009 suggesting that the Town likely did not own the woodlot in question. Since then she has collaborated with surveyor John Wood using additional unrecorded plans and old road layouts to try to determine who does own the land so that the Town may update its records.
- Confusion over ownership of the land referred to as the Town Woodlot is due to vague wording in deeds dating back to the 1800’s and a series of tax liens levied against Thomas Hagan in the 1920’s. These liens appear to refer to property Hagan owned on Bay Point Road, rather than to the woodlot, as the abutters referenced in the liens never owned property near the woodlot.
- On the basis of their research, Ms. Davis and Mr. Wood have concluded that the heirs of Thomas M. Hagan hold title to the property known as the Town Woodlot.
- It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously that the Board forward Ms. Davis report to the Select Board with the recommendation that the heirs of Thomas Hagan be contacted with a view to returning the property to the tax rolls of the town.

II. Minutes of March 23 were approved as circulated.

III. Ordinance Changes

It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize Mr. Freeman to draft the language for two changes to the TOPMB ordinance to be proposed at Town Meeting June 12, 2010:

1. To delete the Town Woodlot from the TOPMB’s jurisdiction.
2. To add the previously voted fee for skiff storage at Todd’s Landing.

IV. Todd's Landing

- Mr. Freeman will place the Shipyard historic marker this spring.
- The Board authorized removal of one town-owned picnic table from the Wharf to Todd's Landing.
- Mr. Freeman has written a letter to notify skiff owners who leave boats at the Landing of the proscribed storage area and the newly instituted fee.

V. Status Reports

- Mr. Collins noted that he has serviced the 4-owner septic system that runs down the hill behind the holding tank used by the Love Nest and it is now functioning properly. The Board agreed the Holding Tank should be identified in the wharf Lease as well as the specific location of the co-operative septic system.
- Wharf bracing project is nearly complete and work is good.
- Recreational floats are in the water and most of the maintenance work has been done.
- Some arrears payment agreements are in. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Blessington will follow up on the remainder.
- Mr. Blessington will draft a memo outlining the Harbor Master's role in enforcing the TOPMB ordinance.
- The Selectmen will include plowing at the wharf and the parking lot in the municipal plowing budget.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5 pm
NEXT MEETING MAY 11 at 4 pm at Town Office

Respectfully submitted
Bronwen Tudor, Secretary